

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

KENNETH THOMAS,

Case No. 2:22-cv-01738-CDS-BNW

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

WARDEN JOHNSON, et al.,

Defendants.

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 6). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on June 21, 2023. (ECF No. 1). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 11, 13). The parties have participated in two mediation conferences, but they have not reached a settlement. (ECF Nos. 18, 20).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 6) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **Kenneth Thomas, #83545** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of

1 Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds  
2 \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court  
3 will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will  
4 send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada**  
5 **Department of Corrections** at formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

6 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and  
7 a copy of Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 10) on the Office of the Attorney  
8 General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to  
9 the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

10 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order  
11 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

12 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 11), within twenty-  
13 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a  
14 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it  
15 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,  
16 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address  
17 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney  
18 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve  
19 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such  
20 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney  
21 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

22 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff  
23 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a  
24 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the  
25 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address  
26 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

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9. Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff shall include with the original document submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service when required.

DATED THIS 27th day of October 2023.

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